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Applicant:	Neumetzler	Examiner:	Vu
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Title:	CONDUCTOR CONNECTING MODULE FOR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Payment is being made via credit card in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

European reference no. 0766352, which is referenced in the background section of the present application, appears to relate to Australian reference no. 701705, which is published in English. An English language abstract obtained from the European Patent Office website also is being provided for European reference no. 0766352.

The Japanese and Korean references listed on the Form 1449 have been cited in examination reports of related applications. Japanese reference no. 301664 appears to relate to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,096,428 and 5,106,313, which also are listed on the Form 1449.

With respect to Japanese reference no. 10-162884, both an English language abstract obtained from the European Patent Office website and a machine translation obtained from *Patent & Utility Model Gazette DB* at http://www.ipdl.inpit.go.jp/homepg_e.ipdl have been provided.

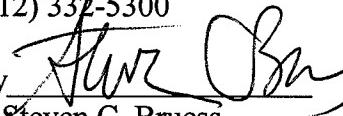
Korean reference no. 10-0394531 claims priority to PCT reference no. WO 97-02627, which is listed on the Form 1449 and published in English.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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